Cedar Hills to build Community Events/Recreation Center (CERC)

The City Council recently announced the approval for the development of a beautiful 16,000 square-foot community events and recreation center in the City of Cedar Hills. The new facility, which will be located at the current golf course home site, will be built with funds that the City has saved over the last six years from impact fees, specifically targeted and only legally available to be used for recreational purposes. There will be no tax increases!

This exciting facility is currently going through a process of initial design and programming, but may offer such amenities as exercise, cardio, and media rooms and multi-purpose rooms for community meetings, such as storytelling hours, adult book clubs, gardening/landscaping classes, birthday and family parties, etc. It will also house the pro shop and cart storage for the Cedar Hills Golf Club, along with rooms for possibly such programs as dance, aerobics, and yoga, etc.

The building is scheduled to house a spacious events hall, capable of seating 250 people, and will have beautiful views of the valley for weddings, family reunions, corporate meetings, and party rentals, etc. The facility will also include a grill for casual, family dining.

The City also plans to approve initial phases for a Community Recreation/Aquatics Complex (CRAC), which will be developed and built in phases at a site yet to be determined. The estimated start date of this development is early 2012.

These two facilities will be places for fitness, leisure, and educational opportunities, which will help define and set apart our community. They will be places where groups can come together and enjoy their time, while participating in a multitude of activities.

We invite residents to follow the development and construction of these facilities by staying informed through the City newsletter; City Council meetings, including published minutes and audio recordings; and information that will be posted on the City Web site. Questions may be directed to the Mayor and City Council members or City Manager most conveniently by e-mail or through the Contact Us form on the City’s Web site.

Cedar Hills completely forthright with golf finances

Recently, the Daily Herald published an article, which accused the City of “hiding” subsidization of the Cedar Hills Golf Club. Unfortunately, the newspaper attempted to portray its opinion as if it were factual; the article couldn’t have been further from the truth. The City of Cedar Hills has openly and actively made available to its residents, as well as any interested party, complete information on overall City finances, specifically including the golf course financials. Complete budget documents beginning with Fiscal Year 2005 are available to view from the City’s Web site. In addition, the following avenues may be explored for further information:

1) Utah State Auditor (www.sao.utah.gov)
2) Periodic articles in the City’s monthly newsletter (Councilmember Ken Kirk published a series of two articles in the July and August 2009 newsletters, specifically regarding the financial facts of the golf course initiative. These newsletter issues are available to view on the City’s Web site.)
3) City Council Meetings (Open, public meetings usually held every first and third Tuesday of each month. There is also time allotted at the beginning of the meetings for public comment.)
4) City Council Minutes (Published minutes and complete audio recordings of public meetings are available on the City’s Web site.)
5) Contact Us (Elected and appointed officials and City staff members may be contacted in many ways, which are itemized on the City’s Web site under “Get Involved.”)
Our Home Town

City Meeting Updates

Work Session – October 5, 2010
- An executive session was held regarding the character and competence of an individual, deployment of security devices, pending and reasonably imminent litigation, and the sale of property.

City Council Meeting – October 5, 2010
- Representatives of the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project presented information and a timeline of the project. They asked for assistance in getting information out to the public.
- Curtis Miner Architecture presented four proposals for the new City event center. The Council approved Scheme B.

Work Session – October 19, 2010
- The Council received a presentation regarding the City’s Storm Water Management Program.

City Council Meeting – October 19, 2010
- Public hearings were held regarding the definition of “family” as it pertains to a household, “animal unit – small,” and “accessory apartments.” No comments.
- Canyon Heights, Plat A, Lot 64, received a south side setback change to one foot, following a finding that no hazardous condition was created; it did not adversely affect the surrounding residents; it was appropriate for the zone and property location; and it does not change the development density or required distance between dwelling units.
- The preliminary program as outlined by Curtis Miner Architecture for the Community Events/Recreation Center was approved.
- The definition of Family, as it pertains to a household, was continued.
- The amended definition of Animal Unit, Small, was approved.
- The definition of Accessory Apartment was continued.
- The Council accepted the Utah County proposal to install a trailhead at approximately Canyon Heights Drive and Canyon Road.

Planning Commission – October 28, 2010 - CANCELLED

Winterizing Pressurized Irrigation
The City’s pressurized irrigation has been shut-down until spring. The City asks that you leave your individual shutoff valve in the “open” position for a time to allow for proper drainage of the overall system. Each property owner is responsible for draining and winterizing their individual irrigation system to prevent damage to its components.

City offices closing for holidays
The City offices will close for Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, and the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 25 and 26. Garbage pick up will run as usual the week of Veterans Day, but there will be a one-day delay for Friday’s pickup the week of Thanksgiving.

Got green waste?
Green Waste is accepted at no charge at Timpanogos Special Service District (sewer plant), located at 6400 N. 5050 W., Utah County (just off the new I-15 PG Exit #275 - toward the lake). Green waste is also accepted at the North Pointe landfill (2000 W. 200 S., Lindon), but there is a charge of $4 for “clean” waste and $7 for green waste with trash mixed in. Cedar Hills households may obtain two free “dump passes” (good for $7 each) for North Pointe from the City office. These passes, which are also good for garbage loads, expire each year on Dec. 31.

Recycling Old Phone Books
The new Dex® Yellow Pages will be here soon. That means it’s time to get the word out about recycling those outdated directories. The delivery of the new 2010 Provo book will run from approximately December 16 through January 26. Residents with curbside recycling service are asked to recycle the old books in the blue toter. Others may drop the book off at the City offices or place it in the GreenFiber recycling receptacle behind the City building at 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Recycling makes a difference. Thank you for recycling and ensuring that the old directory continues its journey to the next step of its lifecycle.
WINTER REMINDERS from Public Works

PLEASE SLOW DOWN: The most important thing that you can do to make winter driving safer is to slow down! Give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination and allow extra stopping distances. The City strives to ensure that the roads are safe for travel, but road and weather conditions are continually changing. Be patient, watch for pedestrians, and drive carefully.

NO PARKING: Keeping the roadway clear of additional vehicles increases the safety for other drivers and reduces obstructions during snow removal. If there are too many cars parked on a road during snow removal operations, the street may not get plowed due to an increased risk for damage and collision. Parking on the street is prohibited:
- When snow is falling
- When there is a visible amount of snow on the street
- When street has not been plowed since the last snowfall
- Between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., November 1 through March 31
- During snow/ice removal
- For any continuous period of more than 48 hours

SHOVEL SIDEWALKS: Please make sure that the sidewalks on and around your property have been shoveled to allow safe travel for pedestrians. Snow from your sidewalk or driveway should not be placed in the road; it should be placed on your property.

SNOW PLOWS: Please maintain a safe distance from snow plows. When plows are removing snow, it may create reduced visibility behind and next to the plow. When pushing snow or spreading salt, a plow may need to travel slower than regular traffic – please be patient and give the snow plow operators room to do their job.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
Every five years the City is required to update and submit a Storm Water Management Program to the State of Utah. This program is a detailed document, which contains information about the City’s minimum control measures, best management practices, storm water quality concerns, and a schedule for implementing proper storm water management. In addition to previous requirements, the Environmental Protection Agency has mandated a number of new provisions to the program, which is in its final stages of review and will be presented to the City Council during its November meeting. Following final review and approval by the Council, the plan will be submitted to the State prior to the December 1, 2010, deadline. Citizen input will be received prior to submission to the State. Questions or comments should be directed to the Public Works Department at publicworks@cedarhills.org or 801-785-9668. The approved plan will be available for review on the City’s Web site, as well as in the City office.

Recreation, Parks, Trails Committee
Last spring the City Council dissolved the Parks and Trails Committee and created an ad-hoc citizen advisory committee to oversee recreation, parks, and trails within the City. The purpose of the new committee is to promote, evaluate, and solicit recreation, parks, and trails developments and activities. The committee will act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and will hold regular meetings. The committee chair, vice chair, and members will be appointed by the Mayor and will serve without monetary compensation. If you would like to be considered for service, please notify the City in person, or e-mail your name, address, and contact information, along with a brief statement of your desire to serve and/or qualifications, to the City’s Front Desk or to City Council Member Stephanie Martinez at: smartinez@cedarhills.org.

Did You Know?
The City has received the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Presentation Budget Award in nine of the past 10 years. The GFOA established the award program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare understandable budget documents of the very highest quality and then to recognize individual cities that succeed in achieving that goal. The City of Cedar Hills is one of less than 10 cities in Utah to receive this award and is in the top 5% in the nation of cities our size. It’s an honor for the City to receive this recognition, and it also reflects the superb work of the City’s Finance Department in preparing the document.

“I have a question....”

Q: Do you know if there are any recycling bins for glass located in Utah County? Thanks.

A: The best place to find recycling locations for glass, computers, paint, and hazardous waste is online at: www.earth911.com. You can find the nearest drop-off center just by supplying a zip code and the type of material you wish to recycle. Easy!
Cedar Hills team wins championship
A group of 7th-9th graders from Cedar Hills and Alpine, known as the Cedar Hills 49ers, won the 2010 Pleasant Grove/Cedar Hills Flag Football championship on Oct. 28 at Manila Park in Pleasant Grove. The score was 12 to 0. Cedar Hills teams are put together by grade, school, and the one-buddy request system. Since Cedar Hills doesn’t have enough teams in the 7th-9th grade age group to play each other exclusively, we play Pleasant Grove teams, as well. Congratulations to Coach Darren Hartvigsen and all the boys!

Monday Nights with the Fire Department
Every Monday night in November from 6-8 p.m., residents are invited to bring their families to the Lone Peak Fire Station in Highland. Meet the firefighters, see the fire trucks and equipment, and learn fire safety tips. This will be a fun, interactive, and educational night for the whole family. The station is located at 5582 W. Parkway West in Highland. For more information, call the station at: 801-763-5365.

Lone Peak firemen to the rescue
On Sunday evening September 19, two units from the Lone Peak Fire Department were dispatched to assist Herriman City with the "Machine Gun" fire that started at Camp Williams earlier in the day. Lone Peak’s Attack Tender was the first unit to arrive on the scene and was immediately sent to Old Cabin Lane, the location directly where the fire was quickly heading toward homes. The tender was the only unit in the area at that time and was instrumental in protecting and saving several homes, which were immediately threatened by the fast moving flames. The department’s Brush Truck 181 later arrived, along with several other agencies to help protect homes along the ridge. Lone Peak stood out as an agency that acted swiftly, professionally, and with the superior equipment to keep homes safe.

Jr. Jazz Youth Basketball
Register online at the City’s Web site before Nov. 28.
We’re excited to offer registration for Jr. Jazz again this year. The available age groups have been extended to 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls. The registration fee is $45 for the eight-game season and will be available until November 28. After that date there will be a $10 late fee. Players in the 3rd-6th grades may choose one buddy, as long as the same buddy also chooses them. Non-residents are welcome with no additional fee. Questions? Call Jason at 801-785-9668, ext. 114, or e-mail recreation@cedarhills.org. Junior Jazz is about developing skills, having fun, and learning good sportsmanship. See you on the court!

Join the Cedar Hills Ski Bus!
We are excited to offer a chartered ski bus to Snowbird again this year for kids ages 7-17. The program includes three sessions (January 8, 15, & 22) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., including travel; adult-supervised transportation to and from the resort; and skill-appropriate ski or board lessons each week with free ski time—all for only $179 per child. Children already registered in Jr. Jazz will be given a discount voucher for the ski bus, if the ski dates conflict with their basketball games. On Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 4:00 p.m., parents and skiers are invited to attend an information meeting at the City offices with the head of the ski school to answer questions and receive more information. Skiers from neighboring cities are welcome to join at no additional cost. Due to a waiver that must be signed by a parent or guardian, registration is available at the Cedar Hills main office only. Questions? Call Jason in the Cedar Hills Community Services Department at: 801-785-9668, ext. 114.

Murdoch Canal Enclosure
Construction on the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project (Murdock Canal) has begun and will be completed by Spring 2012. Crews will soon be working on the canal between 2700 N. Canyon Road in Cedar Hills and SR 92 in Lehi. This section is expected to be completed in May 2011. All use of the canal road for recreation or access will be completely eliminated during construction. For everyone’s safety, federal law enforcement agencies will be involved during the project. Please report trespassers in the construction area by calling 801-857-1408. If you have questions or concerns about the project, please contact: Scott Henriksen, public information manager, at 801-857-1408; e-mail: prcep@prcep.org; or visit the Web site: www.prwu.org. If you would like to receive e-mail updates about the construction, please send an e-mail with “updates” in the subject line. Contractors have designed a process that takes into account the special nuances and needs of the cities involved. Construction will occur in a way that reduces impact to the community and in a way that is environmentally responsible.

UDOT seeks new name for S.R. 92
Online contest to re-name roadway
Utah Department of Transportation officials are looking to find a new alternative name for State Route 92 (S.R. 92) in northern Utah County. State Route 92 has been called everything from Highland Highway to Alpine Highway to simply “the road to American Fork Canyon.” With the road currently under reconstruction between I-15 and S.R. 74 with new commuter lanes and road widening, it seems like a good time to give S.R. 92 a new and lasting alternative name. So, UDOT is asking the public to help them come up with the new name for the road. Now through Friday, November 19, name submission forms will be available on the S.R. 92 construction Web site: www.udot.utah.gov/sr92. Rules and guidelines for the contest can be found on the Web site as well. This is a chance for people to leave a lasting mark on the community, and UDOT is excited to give people this unique opportunity.

The S.R. 92 reconstruction project is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2011. For more information about S.R. 92, please visit the project Web site or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.